

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

ATTY.'S DOCKET: HOASHI=2

In re Application of:	)	Art Unit: 1761
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Masahito HOASHI, et al.	)	Examiner: D. BECKER
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Serial No.: 09/000,366	)	Confirmation No. 5189
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Filed: January 28, 1998	)	Washington D.C.
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For: METHOD FOR THAWING	)	June 27, 2002
FROZEN GROUND FISH	)	
MEATS	)	DRAFT!!! DRAFT!!!

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

In response to the Office Action of  
April 19, 2002, please enter the following amendment:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Fifth Amendment) A method for thawing frozen ground fish meat which comprises milling a frozen ground fish meat mass to a substantially uniform particle size in the absence of partial thawing and then thawing without shearing the ground fish meat mass by elevating the temperature.

Please amend claim 7 as follows:

7. (Fifth Amendment) A process for producing materials for fish paste products which involves the step of milling a frozen ground fish meat mass to a uniform of